REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	05 March 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Alex14.jpg
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout entitled *Alex14.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer printout tends to promote and support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes by explicitly depicting a boy posed in a sexualised manner designed to titillate the viewer.

The publication is a computer printout of a colour photograph that has been downloaded from the Internet and printed out onto an A4 size sheet of paper. The title *Alex14.jpg* is typed across the top of the page. The photograph presents a pre-pubescent boy, who appears to be about 10-11 years old, standing wearing a long sleeved shirt and briefs. The boy's thumb is threaded through his underwear lowering them on one side, and his shirt is raised. The boy is posed in a very unnatural and contrived manner which has the effect of presenting him as sexually viable to the viewer. The title suggests that the boy is to be interpreted as 14 years old.

The publication has been found to tend to promote and support an activity listed in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. This provision overrides s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the NZBR Act) because it is a deeming provision which cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the rights and freedoms set out in that section of the NZBR Act.

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